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(a) The State agency that has been designated by the Governor and approved by DHHS to administer the Nutrition Services Incentive Program; or

(b) The Indian Tribal Organization that has been approved by DHHS to administer the Nutrition Services Incentive Program.

Storage facility means an operation that provides warehousing services, or provides both warehousing and delivery services.

Subdistributing agency means an agency performing one or more distribution functions for a distributing agency other than, or in addition to, functions normally performed by common carriers or warehousemen. A subdistributing agency may also be a recipient agency. State and local agencies, and Indian Tribal Organizations administering the Emergency Food Assistance Program, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, or the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, are subdistributing agencies subject to all provisions relative to subdistributing agencies contained in this part, unless specifically exempt under part 251, part 253, part 254, or part 247 of this chapter.

Substituted food means domestically produced food that is purchased or manufactured by a processor and is substituted for donated food.

Substitution means:

(a) The replacement of donated foods with like quantities of domestically produced commercial foods of the same generic identity and of equal or better quality (i.e. cheddar cheese for cheddar cheese, nonfat dry milk for nonfat dry milk, etc.).

(b) In the case of donated nonfat dry milk, substitution as defined under (a) of this definition or replacement with an equivalent amount, based on milk solids content, of domestically produced concentrated skim milk.

(c) A processor can substitute commercial product for donated commodity, as described in paragraph (a) of this section, without restrictions under full substitution. The processor must return to the contracting agency, in finished end products, the same number of pounds of commodity that the processor originally received for proc-

essing under full substitution. This is the 100-percent yield requirement.

(d) A processor can substitute commercial product for donated commodity product, as described in paragraph (a) of this section, with some restrictions under limited substitution. Restrictions include, but are not limited to, the prohibition against substituting for backhauled poultry commodity product. FNS may also prohibit substitution of certain types of the same generic commodity. (For example, FNS may decide to permit substitution for bulk chicken but not for canned chicken.)

Summer camp means a nonprofit or public camp for children aged 18 and under.

Welfare agency means a public (Federal, State or local) or private agency offering assistance on a charitable or welfare basis to needy persons, who are not residents of an institution, and to Tribal councils designated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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Subpart B—General Operating Provisions

§ 250.10 Eligible distributing and subdistributing agencies.

(a) *State and Federal agencies.* Federal agencies and such State agencies as are designated by the Governor of the State, or by the State legislature, and approved by the Secretary are eligible to become distributing agencies.

(b) *Private agencies.* Where distributing agencies are not permitted by law to make distribution to private recipient agencies, or to any class of private recipient agency, private agencies which agree to make distribution of donated food on a State-wide basis and which apply directly to FNS, and are approved by the Secretary are eligible to become distributing agencies.

(c) *Subdistributing agencies.* If distributing agencies use subdistributing agencies to distribute donated foods,

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the distributing agencies' responsibilities to the Department for overall management and control of the distribution program shall not be delegated to such subdistributing agencies.

§ 250.11 Eligibility determination for recipient agencies and recipients.

(a) *Verification of recipient agency eligibility.* Distributing agencies at the request of FNS shall:

(1) Verify that recipient agencies registered to participate in the National Commodity Processing (NCP) Program have a current agreement with the distributing agency to receive donated food in accordance with § 252.1(c) and

(2) Report the results of such verification to FNS within timeframes determined by FNS.

(b) *Eligibility of recipient agencies and recipients.* Distributing agencies shall determine the eligibility of any agency which submits an application for participation in the program. Distributing agencies shall consider the past performance of recipient agencies when approving applications for participation. Once a recipient agency has been determined to be eligible for participation in the program, the distributing agency shall enter into an agreement with the agency in accordance with § 250.12(b) and make donated food available. Distributing agencies shall impose upon welfare agencies the responsibility for determining that recipients to whom welfare agencies distribute donated foods are eligible: *Provided, however:* That the State agency or FNSRO administering the applicable program shall determine the eligibility under this part of school food authorities participating under part 210 or part 220, or sponsors participating in the Summer Food Service Program for Children under part 225, of this chapter, and of nonresidential child care institutions participating in the Child Care Food Program under part 226 of this chapter.

§ 250.12 Agreements.

(a) *Agreements with Department.* Prior to the beginning of a distribution program, distributing agencies shall enter into written agreements with the Department which shall incorporate the terms and conditions set forth in this

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part. When requested by the Department an eligible agency shall present evidence of its authority to enter into such agreements. The agreements shall be considered permanent, with amendments initiated by distributing agencies, or submitted by them at the Department's request, all of which shall be subject to approval by the Department.

(b) *Distributing agency agreements.* Distributing agencies shall enter into written agreements with all subdistributing agencies, recipient agencies, warehouses, carriers, or other entities to which distributing agencies deliver donated foods under their distribution program. Distributing agencies shall be responsible for ensuring that program integrity is maintained by all entities with whom agreements are entered into. All agreements shall contain such terms and conditions as the distributing agency deems necessary to ensure that:

(1) The distribution and use of donated foods is in accordance with this part,

(2) Subdistributing agencies, recipient agencies, warehouses, carriers, or other persons to whom donated foods are delivered by the distributing agency are responsible to the distributing agency for any improper distribution or use of donated foods or for any loss of, or damage to, donated foods caused by their fault or negligence,

(3) Subdistributing agencies and recipient agencies have and preserve a right to assert claims against other persons to whom donated foods are delivered for care, handling or distribution, and

(4) Subdistributing agencies and recipient agencies will take action to obtain restitution in connection with claims for improper distribution, use or loss of, or damage to, donated foods.

(c) *Duration of distributing agency agreements—(1) Recipient agencies.* Distributing agency agreements with recipient agencies shall be considered permanent, with amendments to be made as necessary. Distributing agencies shall ensure that recipient agencies provide, on a timely basis, by amendment to the agreement, any changed information, including, but not limited to, any changes resulting